A TRVE REPORTARIE

OF THE MOST TRIVMPHANT, AND ROYAL ACCOMplishment of the Babtisme of the most Excellent, right High, and mightie Prince,

FREDERIK HENRY, By the grace of God, Prince of Scotland.

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A TRVE REPORTARIE OF THE BAPTISME OF THE PRINCE *of Scotland.*

THe Noble and moſt po-tent Prince of Scotland, was borne in the Caſtle of Striueling vpon Tueſ-daie, the 19. daie of Fe-bruarie 1594. vpon which occaſion the kingis Ma-ieſtie, ſent for the nobles of his Lande, and to all the capitall Burrowes thereof, to haue their aduiſe, how he ſhould pro-ceed for the due ſolemni-zation of his Royal bap-tiſme, and what Princes he ſhould ſend to: When they were all compeired with great diligence and gudwill, he propo-ned vnto them, that it was neceſſarie to direct out Ambaſſa-dors to France, England, Denmarke, the Low-countries, the Duke of Brunſwicke his brother in Lawe, and to the Duke of Magdleburgh, the Quænes Maieſties Grandfather, and to ſuch other princes as ſhould be thoght expedient. Likwiſe he thought the Caſtle of Striuiling, the moſte conuenient place for the reſidence of this moſt noble & mightie Prince, in reſpect that he was borne there: As alſo, it was neceſſary, that ſufficient preparation might be made for the Ambaſſa-dors that ſhould be inuited to come, for honor of the Crown and countrie. And beſides all this, becauſe the chappell Roy, all was ruinous, and to little, concluded, that the olde chap-

pell should be vtterlie raled, and a new erected in the same place, that should be more large, long and glorious, to entertain the great number of strangers erpected. These propositions at length considered, they all with a frée voluntarie deliberation, granted vnto his maiestie, the summe of an hundreth thousand pounds money of Scotland. Then was there ambassadors elected, to passe into France, England, Denmarke, the Low countries, and other places before mentioned, who were all dispatched with such erpedition, & their Legacies took such wished effect; that first there came twoe famous men from the kinge of Denmarke, the one CHRISTIANVS BERNEKOVV, the other STENIO BILIE, these came to Leith the 16. of Iuly, The next date after them came ADAMVS CRVSIVS, ambassador for the Duke of Brunsvvick, and IOACHIMVS BASSEVITIVS, ambassador for the Duke of Magdelburgh, who is Grandfather to the noble Princesse Anne, by the grace of God Quéene of Scotland. Thirdlie, the third day of August, there came ambassadors from the States of Holland and Zeland, the Barron of Braderod, and the treasurer of Zeland, called Iacobus Falkius.

There was also a Noble man directed from England, to wit; the Earle of Cumberland, who euen when he had prepared himselfe richlie and honourablie, in all respects for his voyage to come into Scotland, and diuers noble men and Gentlemen of renowne, prepared and commanded for his honorable convoy, It pleased God to visit him with sickenesse: and in that respect another Noble man was chosen to supplie his place, which was the Earle of Sussex, &c. And he in consideration of his short and vnerspected aduertisement, made such diligence in his voyage, and magnificence for his owne person and honourable convoy, as was thought rare and rich by all men: whereby it fell out, that betwirte the sicknesse of the one Noble man and the hastie preparation of the other, the time was so farre spent, that the very prefixt daies of the baptisme, were sundrie times delated. And because ỳ Ambassador of England was so long a comming:

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and the Ambaſſadors of Denmarke, Brunſwicke, and Magdelburgh, were feared to be hindered in their voiage by the ſea, by reaſon of the neere approching of the Winter: they deſired audience of the kinges Maieſtie, during their remaining in Edinburgh, to haue ſome preſixed day to be nominate and certeinlie kept, that immediatlie thereafter they might bee diſpatched, which he granted at the laſt, although he had diuers great impediments to the contrarie. The firſt was, becauſe the Chappell royall and Caſtle of Striuiling, was not fullie compleat in all ſuch neceſſaries as was requiſite, although he had the ſupplie of the greateſt number of Artificers in the whole countrey conuened there, of all craftes for that ſeruice, and his Maieſties owne perſon audience ouerſeer, with large and liberall paiment: but the cheefeſt cauſe, was the long abſence of an Ambaſſador from England, which his Maieſtie greatlie reſpected for many cauſes. And laſt of all, expecting that ſom ambaſſador ſhuld haue com from France, which fell not out as was loked for. But when the ambaſſador came from England to Edinburgh, forthwith his maieſtie diſpatched one of the Gentlemen of his highnes chamber, to requeſt him to repaire towards *Striuiling* the next day with al poſſible diligence (which was the 28. of Auguſt) becauſe hee would haue had the baptiſme adminiſtred the day folowing. But neither wer the Propines ſent by the Quéene of England, neither her ambaſſadors owne cariages as then come: therefore the Baptiſme was delaied vntill the 30. day of Auguſt, as ye ſhall heare particularlie hereafter.

But in the meane time, it is to be vnderſtood, that all theſe noble ambaſſadors before expreſſed, were honorablie ſuſtained vpon the Kings Maieſties owne proper coſtes, during the whole time of their reſidence in *Scotland*, ſaue onelie the ambaſſador of England, whoſe whole expenſes were defrayed by his Soueraign the Quéene of England. And becauſe the reſt of ỹ ambaſſadors were repaired to *Striuiling* by his maieſties direction, long before the comming of the Engliſhe Ambaſſador, his Highneſſe beſtowed the time with them in magnifique banketting, reueſling, and dailie hunting with great honor.

The kings Maiestie, purposing further to decore by magnificence this action, committed the charge thereof to the Lord of Lendores, and maister William Fowler, who by their trauels, diligence, and inuention, brought it to that perfection, which the shortnes of time and other considerations could permit. So they hauing consulted togither, concluded that those exercises, that were to be vsed for decoration of that solemnitie, were to bee deuided both in fielde pastimes, with martiall and heroicall exploites; and in housholde, with rare shewes and singular inuentions.

The Fæld to be vsed at two seuerall daies: the first to be of three Turks, three Christian knights of Malta, three Amazons, and three Moores. But by reason of the absence, or at the least, the vncertaine presence of the three last Gentlemen, who should haue sustained these personages, it was thought good, that the number of that maske shoulde consist of nine Actors, nine Pages, and nine Lackies, which comming from sundrie parts and at diuers times, together with the diuersitie of their apparell, should bring some noueltie to the beholders.

The place most expedient for this action, was the valley neere the Castle, which being prepared for that purpose, both with Carter and Scaffold, after the comming of the Queens Maiestie, with her honorable and gallant Ladies, together with the honourable Ambassadors, the fielde being beset by the braue Yonkers of Edinburgh with their hagbuts, during the whole time of that pastime.

Then three christians entered the field with sound of trumpet, who were the kinges Maiestie, the Earle of Mar, and Thomas Erskine (gentleman of his Maiesties chamber) who made vp this number.

A little after followed, three apparelled like Turks, verie gorgeouslie attyred: and these were the Duke of Lennox, the Lord Home, and Sir Robert Ker of Cesfurde knight.

Last of all, came in three Amazones in womens attire, verie sumptuouslie clad, and these were, the Lord of Lendores, the Laird of Barclewch, and the Abbot of Holi-rood house.

So all these persons being present, and at their entrie making their reuerence to the Queenes maiestie, Ambassadors and Ladies, hauing their pages riding vpon their led horse, and on their left armes, bearing their maisters Imprese or deuise.

The Kinges Maiesties, was a Lions head with open eies, which signifieth after a mistique and Hierogliphique sence, Fortitude and Vigilancie: the wordes were, *Timeat & primus & vltimus orbis*. The second was a Dogs collar, all beset with iron pikes, the wordes were these, *Offendit, & defendit*. The third of that Christian armie, was a Windemill, with her spokes vnmooving, and windes vnblowing on euerye side, with these words, *Ni sperat immota*.

The second faction did carrie these: A Hart halfe in fire, and halfe in frost: on the one part Cupids torch, & on the other Iupiters thunder, with these wordes, *Hinc amor, inde metus*. The other page a Zodiack, and in the same, the Moone farre opposite to the sunne, with these wordes, *Quo remotior, lucidior*. That is to saie, the farther, the fairer. The third of this partie, caried painted, foure coach wheeles, the hindmost following the foremost, and yet neuer ouertaking them, with these words, *Quò magis insequor*.

The last three Pages, bare in their Targets, these impreses following, A Crowne, an eie, and a Portcullis: the Crown betokening the power of God, the Eie his prouidence, & the Portcullis his protection, with these words, which were composed in *Anagrame*, of Walterus Scotus, the Laird of Bacleughs name, *Clausus tutus ero*. The second page of this pairtie, caried on his targe, the portrature of an hand, holding an eele by the taile, alluding to the vncertaintie of persons, or of times, with these wordes: *Vt frustrà, sic patienter*. The laste was this, a fire in sight of the sonne, burning and not perceiued, with this sentence, *Oblector lumine victus*.

And euerie Lackie, carrying in his hande, his maisters Launce. They began their pastime by running at the ring and gloue: The lawes whereof were these.

First, that all the persons of this pastime, compeare mas-

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ked, and in such order as they come into the field, to runne out all their courses. Secondlie, that none vse any other ring, but that which is put vppe: and vse no other Launce, but that which they haue brought for themselues. Thirdlie, he that twise touches the ring, or stirres it, winneth as much as if he carried awaie the ring. Fourthlie, he that lets his Launce fall out of his hands, is depriued of all the rest of his courses. Fiftlie, that euerie one run with loose raines, and with as much speed as his horse hath. Sixtlie, that none after his race, in vptaking of his horse, take his Launce vpon his shoulder, vnder the paine of losse of that which he hath done in his course. Seuenthlie, hee that carrieth not his Launce vnder his arme, loseth his course. Eightlie, that none vntill his three courses be ended, change his horse, if he be not hurt, or vppon some other consideration mooued to change him. These Lawes being seene and approued by the Actors, the Queenes Maiestie signified vnto them, that hee who did run best, should haue for his reward, a faire & a rich ring of Diamondes: and he also who on that same side, had best fortune in running, he should be acknowledged with another as faire as the first. The proofe hereof being made, the victorie fell to the Duke of Lennox, who bringing it to his side & partie, had the praise & prise adiudged to himself. Thus the first daies passime was ended, with great contentmẽt to the beholders, & commendation of the persons enterprisers.

The second daies passime was extended, by reason, that the artizans were employed in other businesse, who shoulde haue followed forth that inuention giuen them: And seeing the grace of that exercise consisted in Embosserie, and the Craftsmen apt for the same, otherwise and necessarilie busied, it was left off: Which if it had beene brought to effect, this countrey had not seene nor practised a more rarer: for what by the brauery and strange apparell of the persons themselues, & by the diuers shapes of the beastes, that should haue beene borne and brought there in sight, had beene commendable and wonderful: by reason that such beastes, as Lyon, Elephant, Hart, Unicorne, and the Gryphon, together with

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the Camel, Hydre, Crocodile, and Dragon (carrieng their riders) had carried also with it by the newnesse of that inuention, great contentment and commendation of that exercise. But I saie, some arising lets impeshed this inuention: and all thinges were cast off, that might haue farther decored this solemnitie, through other vrgent occasions.

And when all the Ambassadors were conuened togither, and all necessarie materials readie, the Chappell Royall of the Castle of Striuiling was richlie hung with costlie tapestries: And at the North-east ende of the same, a royall seat of Estate, prepared for the kings Maiestie: And on his right hand, was set a faire wide chaire, with the dew ornaments pertaining thereto, ouer which was set the armes of the king of France.

Next thereunto was a princelie trauers of Crimosin Taffata, for the Ambassador of England, and ouer his head the armes of England: on the deske before him, lay a cushion of red veluet: There stood attending on him two Gentlemen Vshers, appointed by the Quéene of England, for that present seruice.

Next vnto him, sate M. Robert Bowes, Ambassador ordinarie for the Quéene of England: On the deske before him, was laid a cloth of purple veluet, and a cushion suteable thereunto.

Then sat the Ambassador of the noble prince, Henricus Iulius, Duke of Brunswick, and before him on the deske was laide a cloth of græne veluet, with a cushion of the same: and ouer his head, the Armes of his prince.

Next vnto him, sate the Ambassadors of the Low Countries, with a long faire cloth spread on the deske before them of blew veluet, and two cushions suteable thereunto, and ouer their heads the armes of their Countries.

On the kings left hande, was placed néereſt his Maiestie, the two Ambassadors of Denmark, with a large broade cloth spread on the deske before them of purple veluet, and

the armes of Denmarke ouer their heads.

Next vnto them sate the ambassador of the noble prince Vdalricus Duke of Magdelburgh, with his princes armes ouer his head.

In the midst of the chappell Royall within the partition, where the kings maiestie, the ambassadors, and prince with his conuoy were placed, there was a newe pulpit erected: The same was richlie hung with cloth of gold: all the pauement within this partition, was prince-like laide with fine tapestrie.

Under the pulpit was another deske, wherein sate in the middest, M. Dauid Cunninghame, Bishop of Abirdene, M. Dauid Lindesay, Minister of Leyth, and Iohn Duncanson, one of the ordinarie ministers to the kinges Maiestie: before whome was sette a Table, couered with yeallow veluet.

And when all thinges were in readinesse, as was requisite. There was placed a hundreth Hagbutters (being onelie the yonkers of Edinburgh, brauelie apparelled) in order, betwixt the Princes vtter chamber doore, and the entrie to the Chappell Royall, on both the sides of the passage.

Then the kinges Maiestie with his Nobles and Councellors attending on him, entered the chappell, and there sat downe in his royall seat of Estate.

All the Ambassadors likewise were sent for, and conueied to the Princes chamber of presence where the prince was lying on his bed of Estate richlie decored, & wrought with brodered worke, containing the storie of Hercules and his trauels.

This bed was erected on a platforme, verie artificiallie, with a faire pace of three degrées ascending vppe vnto it: The degrées being couered with tapestrie all wrought with golde, and a large cloth of Lawne, couering both the bedde and the degrées which reached forth a great space ouer the

flore.

Then the olde Countesse of Mar, with verie great reuerence past to the bedde, shee toke vppe the prince, and deliuered him to the Duke of Lennox, who presentlie rendered him likewise to the ambassador of England, to be borne to the chappell Royall.

The maister of the Ceremonies, addressing and preparing himselfe to a table in the said chamber, curiouslie ordered, whereon stood those ornamentes of honour, which were to be borne to the Chappell before the prince, with due reuerence deliuered them to certeine Noble men, according to the order appointed by his Maiestie for the bearing thereof.

In like manner, the Princes Robe royall, beeing of purple veluet, verie richlie set with pearle, was deliuered to the Duke of Lennox, who put the same about the prince: the traine whereof, was borne vppe by the Lorde Sinclair, and the Lord Vrquhart. Then they remoued themselues to the vtter chamber, where there was a faire high Pale made foure square, of Crimoson veluet attending: which was laide on with rich passments, and fringed with golde. This pale was sustained by foure Worshipfull Barons, The Lord of Bacleugh, the Constable of Dundie, Sir Robert Ker of Cesford knight, and the Lord of Traquhair. Vnder the which pale were the ambassadors of England, Robert Earle of Sussex, carying the prince in his armes, and maister Robert Bowes, ordinarie ambassador for England, assisting him. Next to them, was the Duke of Lennox. About the pale, were the ambassadors of Denmarke, Magdelburgh, Brunswicke, and the Estates. There followed, the olde Countesse of Mar, mistresse Bowes, diuers Ladies of Honor, with the mistresse Nurse.

Then the trumpettes sounding melodiouslie before the Prince and his connoie, went forwarde. Lyon king of Armes, and the Heraulds his brethren with their Coate-

armors, in goodly order following.

Next followed the Princes honors, borne by these Noblemen: The Lorde Sempill carrieng a Lauar of water, The Lord Seton, a faire Basen; The Lorde Leuingston a towell, and the Lord Home a low Crowne competent for a Duke, richlie set with Diamonds, Saphires, Rubies and Emeraulds: who approching neere the Pulpit, where these Honors were receiued from them, by the maister of the Ceremonies, and by him placed on the Table before the pulpit: the Noble men retiring backe to their appointed places.

Lastlie, the Pale was carried in before the pulpit, where the ambassador of England rendered the Prince to the D. of Lennox, who immediatlie deliuered him to the old countesse of Mar, and she consequentlie to the mistresse Nurse. And all the Ambassadors were then set in such order of places, as the demonstration of their Armories gaue notice.

Without the partition, were ornate fourmes, all couered with græne, whereupon were placed the Gentlemen of England, Denmarke, Almaine, Flanders, and Scotland. And as all men were thus competentlie placed, and vniuersall silence made, entered maister Patrik Galloway, one of his Maiesties ordinarie preachers into the pulpit, who learnedlie and godlie entreated vpon the text of the 21 of Genesis. Which being done, the Bishop of Aberdene, stood vppe in his seat, and taught vpon the Sacrament of Baptism, first in the vulgar tongue, and next in the Latin, to the end all men might generallie vnderstande. This doone, the Prouost and Prebendes of the Chappell royall, did sing the 21. psalme of Dauid, according to the art of Musicque, to the great delectation of the Noble auditorie.

Then they proceéded to the action. The king arose, and came towards the pulpit. The Ambassadors followed in their order. The Barons that carried the pale aboue the Prince, moued towards the pulpit: The Duke of Lennox, receiued the Prince from the Countesse of Mar, and deliuered

uered him to the hands of the Earle of Suſſex, ambaſſador for England: Where he was named by all their conſents, *FREDERIK HENRY, HENRY FREDERIK*, and ſo baptized, In the name of the Father, Sonne, and Holie Ghoſt, by the ſaid names.

This being done, Lyon king of Armes, with a loud voice, reportes theſe names thrise ouer: and then after him, the reſt of his brethren Heraulds, with trumpetes ſounding, confirmed the ſame.

Then the kings Maieſtie, ambaſſadors, and all removing to their places: the Engliſh ambaſſador alone, withdrawing himſelfe on the one ſide was met and attended on by two groomes, who humblie on their knées, the one preſenting a large rich Baſen, the other a ſuteable Lauer, repleat with ſweet water, wherwith the ambaſſador waſhed: a Gentleman Sewer with humble reuerence, preſenting him a faire towell, wherewith he dried his handes, and ſo forthwith returned to his place.

This being done, the Biſhop aſcended to the pulpite, where, after that he had deliuered in verſe, a certain praiſe and commendation of the Prince, then hee conuerted the reſt of his Latine Oration in proſe to the ambaſſadors, euerie one in particular, beginning at the ambaſſador of England, and ſo continuing with the reſt: Wherin he made mention of the Chronologie of each of theſe princes: and recited the proximity and neérneſſe of bloud, that they had with Scotland. Concluding his Oration, with exhortation and thankeſgiuing to God for that good occaſion, and proſperous aſſemblie.

In concluſion, the bleſſing being giuen, Lyon king of armes, cried with a lowd voice, God ſaue *FREDERIK HENRY*, and *HENRY FREDERIK*, by the Grace of God, Prince of Scotland. The reſt of the heraulds, proclamed the ſame at an open windowe of the Chappell royall, with ſound of trumpet.

Then the king, the prince, the ambaſſadors, the Nobles,

and Ladies of Honor, retired forth of the Chappell, in such order as they entered, and repaired towards the Kings Hall, During their passage, the Cannons of the Castell, roared, that therwith the earth trembled, and other smaller shot made their harmonie after their kind.

In the Kings hall, the Duke of Lennox receaued the Prince from the Ambassadour of England, and presented him to the Kinges most Royall Maiestie, who adoubbed him knight. He was touched with the spur by the Earle of Mar. Therafter the Kings Maiestie presented a Ducall crowne on his head, and then 'was proclaimed by Lyon King of Armes, The right Excellent, High, and Magnanime, FREDERIK HENRIE, HENRIE FREDERIK, by the grace of God, Knight & Barron of *Renfrew:* Lord of the *Yles*, Earle of *Carrike*, Duke of *Rosay*, Prince and great Steward of *Scotland*.

These words were repeated by the heraulds with a loud voice, at an open windowe of the Hall.

Then the Prince was carried by the Ambassador of England:, to his owne Chamber of presence: where, the most rich, and rare propines were there presented.

Also there were certain Barons and Gentlemen adoubbed knights, whose names do follow in order as they were proclaimed. And first their oath.

The Oath of a Kinght.

1 I Shall fortifie and defend the true Christian Religion, and Chirsts holie Euangel, now presently preached within this Realme, to the vttermost of my power.

2 I shal be leil and true to my souerane Lord the Kings Majesty, to al orders of Chieualrie, & to the noble office of Armes.

3 I shall fortifie and defend justice at my power, and that without fauour or feed.

4 I shal neuer flie frō my souerane Lord, the Kings Majesty, nor from his Hienes Lieuetenants in time of mellay, and battel.

5 I shall defend my natiue Realme, from all Allieners and strangers.

6 I ſhall defend the juſt action and quarrell of all Ladies of Honour, of all true and friendlie Widowes, of orphants, and of Maidens of good fame.

7 I ſhall do diligence, whereſoeuer I heare there is any murtherers, Traitors or maiſterfull reauers, that oppreſſeth the kings Lieges, and poore people, to bring them to lawe at my power.

8 I ſhall maintaine and vphold the noble eſtate of Cheualrie, with horſe, harniſſe, & other knightly abillzement: And ſhal helpe and ſuccour them of the ſame order at my power, if they haue neede.

9 I ſhall enquire and ſeeke to haue the knowledge and vnderſtanding of all the Articles & points contained in the booke of chiualry.

All theſe premiſſes to obſerue, keepe, and fulfill: I obleſſe me ſo helpe me my God, by my owne hand, ſo helpe me god, &c.

Sir William Steward of *Houſtoun*, Knight.
Sir Robert Bruce of *Clackmannam* Knight.
Sir Iohn Boſwell of *Bolmowtow*, Knight.
Sir Iames Schaw of *Salquhy*, Knight.
Sir Iohn Murray of *Ethilſtoun*, Knight.
Sir William Menteith of *Kerſe*, Knight.
Sir Alexander Fraſer of *Fraſerburgh*, Knight.
Sir Iohn Lindeſay of *Dunrod*, Knight.
Sir George Leuington of *Ogilface*, Knight.
Sir Iames forreſter of *Torwood-head*, Knight.
Sir Andrew Balfoure of *Strathour*, Knight.
Sir Walter Dundas of ouer *Newliſtoun*, Knight.
Sir Iohn Boſwell of *Glaſemont*, Knight.
Sir George Elphingſtoun of *Blythwood*, Knight.
Sir William Leuington of *Darnecheſter*.
Sir Dauid Meldrum of *New-hall*, Knight.

These names were proclamed vpon the Tarraſe of the fore-ſtronte of the Caſtell, with ſound of Trumpets, and great

great quantitie of diuers péeces of golde and money, cast ouer amongst the people.

These things being accomplished, the king & Quéenes Maiesties with the ambassadors, addressed themselues to the banket in the great hall, about eight of the clocke at night. Then came Lyon king of Armes, with his brethren the heraulds, and entered the hall before the king and Quéencs meate, the trumpettes sounding melodiously before them: with these Noble men, bearing office for the présent.

The Earle of *Mar* { Great Maister-housholde.
The Lord *Fleming* { Great Maister-Vsher.

The Erll of *Montroze*, { Caruer.
The Erll of *Glencarne*, { Copper.
The Erll of *Orkenay*, { Sewar.
} *For the Kings M.*

The Lord *Set on* { Caruer.
The Lord *Hume* { Copper.
The Lord *Sempill* { Sewar.
} *For the Queenes Maiestie.*

This delicate banket beeing ordered with great aboundance, the king, Quæne, and Ambassadors, were placed all at one table, being formed of thrée parts after a Geometricall figure, in such sort, that euerie one might haue a ful sight of the other.

The king and Quænes maiesties, were placed in the midst of the table, and on the kings right hand were set the English ambassadors, the Earle of Sussex, and maister Robert Bowes, next them sat the ambassador from the Duke of Brunswicke, and the ambassador from the Duke of Magdelburgh.

On the kings left hand, next to the Quænes Maiestie, sate the ambassador of Denmarke, and ambassadors from the States of Holland and Zeland: betwixt euerie one of their

their seats, was left a good space.

On the East and west side of the Hall, was placed two verie long Tables, where were set certain noble men, Ladies of honour, and councellers of Scotland, and with them the noble men and gentil men of England, Denmarke, Almaine and Flanders. And betwixt euerie noble man and gentil man stranger, was placed a Ladie of honour, or gentil woman.

Now, being thus in a verie honourable and comly order set, and after a while, hauing well refreshed themselues with the first seruice, which was very sumptuous, there came into the sight of them all, a Black-moore, drawing (as it seemed to the beholders) a triumphall Chariot (and before it, the melodious noise of trumpets and howboies) which Chariot entered the hall, the motion of the whole frame (which was twelue foote long, and seuen foot broad) was so artificiall within it selfe, that it appeared to be drawen in, onely by the strength of a Moore, which was verie richlie attired, his traces were great chaines of pure gold.

Upon this Chariot, was finely and artificiallie deuised, a sumptuous couered table, decked with all sortes of exquisite delicates and daintes, of pattisserie, frutageis, and confections.

About the table, were placed six gallent dames, who represented a silent comedie, three of them clothed in Argentine Satten, and three in crimson Satten: all these six garments, were enriched with Togue and tinsall, of pure gold and siluer, euerie one of them hauing a crowne or garland on their heades, verie richlie decked with Fethers, pearles and iewels vpon their lose haire, in Antica forma.

In the first front stood dame Ceres, with a sickle in her right hand, and a handfull of corne in the other, and vpon the outmost part of her thigh, was written this sentence, *Fundent vberes omnia Campi*, which is to sale, the plenteous Fields shall afford all things.

Ouer against Ceres, stood Fæcunditie, with some bushes

of Childbolls, which vnder an hieroglyphik sence, representeth brodines with this deuise, *Fœlix prole diuum*, and on the other side of her habit, *Crescant in mille*. The first importing that this cuntrie is blessed by the Childe of the goddes, and the second, alluding to the King and quœnes maiesties, that their generations may grow into thousands.

Next on the other side, was placed Faith, hauing in her hands a Basen, and in the same two hands ioyned together with this sentence, *Boni alumna coniugii*, The fortresse and nurse of a blessed marriage.

Ouer against Faith, stood Concorde, with a golden tasse in her left hand, and the horn of abundance in her right hand with this sentence, *Pleno beant te numina Sinu*. The heuenlie powers do blesse thee with a full bosome.

The next place was occupied by *L*iberalitie, who hauing in her right hand two Crownes, and in her left, two sceptres, with this deuise *Me comite plura quam dabis, accipies*. That is to saie, hauing me thie follower, thou shalt receiue more than thou shalt giue.

And the last was Perseuerance, hauing in her right hand a staffe, and on her left shoulder an Anchor with this deuise *Nec dubiæ res mutabunt, nec secundæ*, Neither doubtfull nor more prosperous things shall change your state.

This Chariot which should haue bene drawne in by a Lion, but because his presence might haue brought some feare to the neerest or that the sight of the lights & torches might haue commoued his tamenes) it was thought meet that the Moore should supplie that rome: And so he in outwarde shewe, prealled to draw that forward, which by a secret conuoy, was brought to the Princes Table, and the whole desert, was deliuerd by Ceres, Foecunditie, Faith, Concord, Liberalitie, and Perseuerance, to the Earles, Lords and Barrons that were Sewers.

Presentlie after the returning of the Charriot, entered a most sumpteous, artificiall, and wel proportioned Shippe the length of her keele, was 18. foot and her bredth 8 foote

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from her botome to her highest flagge was 40. foote: the sea shee stode vpon, was 24. foote long, with breath conuenient her motion was so artificially deuised within her selfe, that non could perceiue what brought her in. The sea vnder her, was liuely counterfeit, with all coulours: on her forestarne was placed Neptunus, hauing in his hand his Trident, and on his head a crowne, his apparell was all of Indian cloth of siluer and silke, which bare this inscription, *Iunxi atque reduxi*, which in sence importeth, that as he ioyned them, so he reduced their Maiesties.

Then Thetis with her mace, goddesse of the sea with this deuise *Nunquam abero & tutum semper te littore sistam*, which signifieth, that by her presence, she alwaies shall be carefull to bring them into a safe shore and harborow.

Then Triton with his wilde trumpet, was next to her with this deuise, *Velis, votis, ventis.* by sailes, by vowes, by windes.

Round about the Ship were all the marine people, as Syrenes, (aboue the middle as women, and vnder as fishes) and these were Parthenope, Ligea, and Leucosia, who accommodating their gestures to the voice of ȳ musitions, repeated this verse, *vnus eris nobis cantandus semper in orbe* And all the same was decored with the riches of the seas, as pearls corals, shelles, and mettalls, very rare and excellent.

The bulke of this Ship was curiously painted, and her galleries, whereupon stode the most part of the banket in Christalline glasse, gilt with gold & Azure. Her masts were red, her takling and cordage, was silk of the same coulour, with golden pulleis. Her ordenance was 36. peeces of brasil brauelie mounted, and her anchors siluer gylt. All her sails were double of white taffata. And in her forre saile a Ship compas, regarding the North Starre, with this sentence, *Quascunque per vndas*. Which is to saie, through whatsoeuer seas, or waues, the Kings Maiestie intendeth his course, and proiect in this world of anie arrising whatsoeuer act

tion, Neptune as God of the Sea, shall be fauourable to his proceedings.

On the maine saile, was painted the Armories of Scotland and Denmarke, with this deuice, competent in the person of the prince of Scotland. *En qua diuisa beatos efficiunt, collectanea.* That is to say, Behold (O prince) what dooth make these kingdomes seuerallie blessed, iointlie (O prince of hope) thou holdes and hast together.

Her tops were all armed with taffataes of his maiesties colours, Gold and Geules: and all her flagges and streamers suteable to the same.

Her marriners were in number fire, apparelled all in changeable Spanish taffataes, and her Pilote in cloth of golde, he alone stood at the helme, who onlie moued and gouerned the whole frame, both the shippe and her burden, verie artificiallie.

The musitians within the same, were fourteene, al apparelled in Taffataes of his maiesties colours, besides Arion with his harpe.

Being thus prepared, at the sound of trumpets, she approched, and at the next sound of Tritons with trumpet, together with the Waiters whistle, she made saile till she cam to the table, discharging the ordinance in her Sterne by the waie: But because this deuise carried some morall meaning with it, it shall not bee impertinent to this purpose, to discouer what is meant and propined thereby.

The kinges Maiestie, hauing vndertaken in such a desperate time, to saile to Norway, and like a newe Iason, to bring his Queene our gratious Ladie to this kingoome, being detained and stopped by the conspiracies of Witches and such deuillish dragons, thought it verie meet, to follow forth this his owne inuention, that as Neptunus (speaking poeticallie, and by such fictions, as the like Interludes and actions are accustomed to bee decored withall) ioyned the king to the Queene.

So after this coniunction, he brought their Maiesties as hap-

happilie hither: and nowe at this her blessed deliuerie, did bring such things as the Sea affoords, to decore this festiuall time withall: which immediatlie were deliuered to the Sewers, forth of the Galleries of this shippe, all of Christalline glasse, verie curiouslie painted with Gold and Azure, all sortes of Fishes: as Herings, Whitings, Flekes Oysters, Buckies, Lampets, Partans, Lapstars, Crabs, Spout fish, Clammes: with other infinit things made of sugar, and most liuelie represented in their owne shape. And whiles the ship was vnloding: Arion sitting vpon the Galley nose, which resembled the forme of a Dolphin fish, plated vpon his Harpe: Then began her musick in greene holine howboyes in fiue parts. After that, followed Viols with voices in plaine counterpoint, to the nature of these Hexameter verses.

Vndique conueniant, quot Reges nomine Christi
Gaudent, hucdue suas maturent cogere vires.
Viribus hos, O Rex, opibusque antejueris omnes
Quisque suam jam posse velit tibi cedere sortem.
Regna, viros, aurum, quæ te fecere potentem.
Omnia conjugij decorant hæc pignora chari:
ANNA precor foelix multos fæliciter annos,
Viue, resume nouas, atque annuus anni
Instar eat, redeatque; nouo tibi partus ab ortu.
Cresce Puer, sacri meris numinis imbibat imbres,
Semper vterque parens de te noua gaudia captet.
Scotia, quæ quondam multis tenebrosa vocata es
Lumina magna nitent in te superantia coelum,
Lux Verbi, & Rex, & Princeps diademata Regni.

After which, ensued a still noise of Recorders and Flutes: and for the fourth a general consort of the best instruments.

So this Enterlude drawing neere to an end, in the very last courses, was discouered this sentence likewise. *Submissus adorat Oceanus*, inferring that the Ocean Sea, by offering

offering the shapes of her treasure, humblie adored and honoured the sitters. And when in this time, all the banquet was done, after thankes being giuen, there was sung with most delicate dulce voices, and swet harmonie in seauen parts, the 128. psalme, with 14. voices. And that beeing done, at the sound of Tritons with trumpet, and the pilotes whistle, she waied anchor, made saile, and with noise of howboyes and trumpets retyred, and then discharged the rest of her ordinance, to the great admiration of the beholders.

After all which passime and sport, with merrie and ioyfull repast, the king and Quéenes Maiesties, after other offices of honour and respect, the place being prepared for the Reuels, and the persons appointed for the same, discharging themselues sufficientlie: Their Maiesties and ambassadors, went to another hall, most richlie and magnificentlie hung with rich tapestrie, where for the collation, a most rare, sumptuous, and princelie desart of Suger was prepared, which being ended, after taking of leaue, and goodnights, they departed about thrée of the clocke in the morning, to their nights rest.

The daies ensuing, so long as leisure might serue, was bestowed by the Ambassadors, in banketting of Noblemen and Gentlemen of their acquaintance, and the king in the meane time was sollicite and carefull of honourable and magnifike rewards, to be bestowed on either of them, which was also princelie performed, to their great contentments.

And as they were come to Edinburgh, they were al banquetted at some time seuerallie, and at other times together, by diuers Noble men of Scotland, with great honor: Last of all, one ambassador banketted another, for commemoration of that ioyfull meeting and good successe.

Then the king and Quéenes Maiesties came to Edinburgh, where they were inuited by the Ambassadors of Denmarke, vnto a banket within their shippe, which lay at anchor in the riuer of Forth. Shee was so great, that shee could

could not enter the Harborow.

The banket was verie sumptuous, and the Ambassadors so Joyous of their finall dispatch, behaued themselues to their Maiesties on a kindlie manner, according to the ordinarie custome of their countrie, by propining of drinke vnto them in name of their princes, which was louinglie accepted and requited: In commemoration whereof, the whole Artillerie of that great vessell were shotte in great number.

The three great Ships of the Estates, lying in the same roade neere by, made correspondence and resonance to the number of six score great shotte, and thus concluded they Bien alle.

When the Castle of Edinburgh, for performance of the kinges honour, as they perceiued the ships to lose, and to hoise vp saile: The Captain of the castle saluted euerie ship as they shewed themselues in readinesse by order, with a number of great canon shot: And so I conclude.

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Henry, Prince